

Amendment to the Claims:

1. (Cancelled)

2-7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) [[The]] A hospital information system as claimed in claim 6, wherein comprising:

an electronic medical record database having stored therein electronic medical record information including at least clinical pathways, medical record information for patients and follow-up sheets for the patients;

a clinical communicator database having stored therein clinical communication information including at least event information for the patients, event information for medical care professionals and messages to/from the medical care professionals, the clinical communication database includes including e-mails exchanged between the medical care professionals including an e-mail containing patient information indices which identifies a patient with medical record information stored in the electronic medical record database, and in which the e-mail includes medical record information of the identified patient;

a clinical communication device connected to the electronic medical record database and the clinical communicator database through a communication link, the clinical communication device including:

electronic medical record information extraction section for extracting the electronic medical record information from the electronic medical record database;

[[the]] a clinical communication information extraction means section which extracts the medical record information in the e-mail from the clinical communicator database; [[and]]

display control for displaying the electronic medical record information and the clinical communication information, while linking them with each other;

an information update ~~means~~ section which updates the medical record information of the identified patient in the electronic medical record database with the extracted medical record information; and

a display device controlled by the display control to display the medical record information and the clinical communication information.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) ~~[[The]]~~ A hospital information system as ~~claimed in claim 10, wherein comprising:~~

an electronic medical record database having stored therein electronic medical record information, including at least clinical pathways including scheduled patient treatments and the medical care professions to provide the patient treatments, medical record information for patients and follow-up sheets for the patients;

a clinical communicator database having stored therein clinical communication information including at least event information for the patients, event information for medical care professionals, including a personal calendar including schedule absences and in-hospital meetings for the medical care professionals, and e-mails exchanged between the medical care professionals including an e-mail containing patient information which identifies a patient with medical record information stored in the electronic medical record database, the clinical communication database ~~includes~~ including e-mails exchanged between the medical care professionals including an e-mail containing (1) patient information which identifies a patient with medical record information stored in the electronic medical record database, and (2) medical record information of the identified patient;

a display device;

a clinical communication device connected to the electronic medical record database and the clinical communicator database through a communication link, the clinical communication device including:

an electronic medical record information extraction section for extracting the electronic medical record information for an identified patient from the e-mails in the electronic medical record database;

[[the]] a clinical communication information extraction means section which extracts the medical record information in the e-mail from the clinical communicator database; ~~and~~

an information update means section which updates the medical record information of the identified patient in the electronic medical record database with the extracted medical record information, the information update section linking the e-mail and the medical records of an identified patient;

a display control which receives the medical care professional event information for a given medical care professional from the clinical communication database and the scheduled patient treatments which the given medical care professional is to provide from the electronic medical record database and controls the display device to display e-mail, an e-mail that identifies a patient together with the medical record of the identified patient, a combined personal schedule of the medical care professional event information, the patient treatments which the given medical care professional is to provide, the electronic medical record information, and the clinical communication information while linking the medical record information and the clinical communication information with each other.

12. (Currently Amended) The hospital system as claimed in claim 11, wherein the display control ~~means~~ controls the display device to display color-coded alerts regarding the personal schedule and the patient treatments.

13-15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) ~~[[The]]~~ A hospital information system as claimed in claim 14, wherein the comprising:

a medical record memory which stores medical record information for each of a plurality of patients including medical treatment schedules including patient event information;

a clinical communicator memory which stores clinical communication information including event information including schedules for each of a plurality of medical care professionals and e-mails among the medical care professionals containing medical treatment information about the patients;

a display device; and

a display control section which links the medical information stored in the medical record memory and the clinical communication information stored in the clinical communication memory to generate a scheduling table based on the patient event information and the medical care professional event information and which controls the display device to display the scheduling table, and the patient events together with the medical care professional schedule.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Cancelled)